

Telecommunications & Broadband Service

The Telecommunications & Broadband Service Practice is Washington, DC's leading provider of communications advice to large and small telecommunications companies, including broadband, infrastructure, internet service providers (ISPs), equipment manufacturers, private investors, and trade associations. In addition to its deep experience on traditional telecommunications issues facing wireline companies, the Practice is at the forefront of the full scope of regulatory challenges facing providers of broadband and IP-enabled services. Attorneys represent clients in a broad range of proceedings before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Federal Trade Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Utilities Service, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), and state regulatory agencies. Attorneys have substantive expertise in the federal and state regulatory requirements that apply to telecommunications services, broadband and IP-enabled services, Ethernet, broadband data services (BDS), and emerging technologies, including unified communications, Internet of Things (IoT), and the rules governing Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

The Practice advises clients regarding mergers and acquisitions, investment and financing, infrastructure deployment, and product development. Attorneys in the group conduct regulatory due diligence, develop and implement public policy strategies, and obtain any necessary federal and state regulatory approvals in connection with such transactions.

Our attorneys also draft and negotiate a range of commercial agreements - including end user and wholesale contracts - for both buyers and sellers of communications services. These agreements cover a variety of services, including domestic and international voice, dedicated access, private line, Ethernet, MPLS, IP-based transport, roaming, and Wi-Fi.

Our capabilities include:

- Rulemaking and administrative proceedings
- Interconnection agreements and disputes
- Consumer complaints
- Section 214 discontinuance of service
- Federal and state licensing and authorizations

- USAC audits and appeals
- Annual regulatory reports and certifications
- Supply chain
- National security
- CFIUS/Team Telecom
- Universal Service Fund (USF) contributions
- FCC auctions for High Cost support (e.g., Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, Phase I)
- Lifeline program
- Schools and Libraries (E-Rate) program
- Rural Health Care program
- FCC Robocall regulatory compliance
- Investigations & enforcement
- Tariffs
- Foreign ownership
- Submarine cables
- Litigation
- Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)
- Pole attachment and infrastructure deployment
- Broadband regulation, including net neutrality requirements
- Customer privacy
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Commercial transactions
- VoIP regulations

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